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SUBJECT: GOZ AMNESTY FOR EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES

1. ZAIRIAN PRESS MARCH 16 REPORTED STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA (GOZ NUMBER TWO MAN) MADE IN GABON MARCH 15 WHICH HE REITERATED NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ZAIRE AND P.R.A. ENTAILS MORE THAN MERE RECOGNITION, BUT RATHER A SOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING BILATERAL PROBLEMS. AFTER RECALLING LIST OF GOZ CONCERNS INCLUDING REFUGEES, BENGUELA RAILROAD, AND COMMON BORDER, BISENGIMANA NOTED THAT EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES "ARE AWAITED IN ZAIRE AS BROTHERS...THEY HAVE BEEN AMNESTIED BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU."

2. COMMENT: ON NOVEMBER 25, 1974, PRESIDENT MOBUTU ANNOUNCED A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND POLITICAL EXILES, OFFER EXPIRED ON JAN 1, 1975. DESPITE EXPIRATION, CERTAIN FORMER REBELS, NOTABLY EX-SIMBA LEADER GASTON SOUMIALOT, HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO RETURN SINCE. IT APPEARS THAT WITH BISENGIMANA STATEMENT, GOZ IS REVIVING OLD AMNESTY OFFER FOR BENEFIT OF EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES. END COMMENT.

3. ANYTHING FURTHER ON BISENGIMANA VISIT THAT EMB LIBREVILLE CAN ADD WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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